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TFC Amber Cerreto is credited with using CPR to save the life of an infant girl who had an obstructed airway and couldn't breathe Aug. 19 in Taneytown, Maryland.

Off-duty Trooper Uses CPR To Save Infant's Life In Carroll County

(WESTMINSTER, MD) — TFC Amber Cerreto was off duty and on her way to run an errand just before noon on Aug. 19 when she saw a vehicle that was partially on the road and a woman who appeared to be in distress.

Concerned for the woman's well-being, TFC Cerreto, who is assigned to the West Friendship Weigh and Inspection Facility with the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division, pulled over on MD 140 in Taneytown, Maryland to assist. The woman told TFC Cerreto that her infant daughter was not breathing.

TFC Cerreto took the child from the mother and began performing back thrusts on the baby to help clear her airway. The child then gasped for air and remained responsive. The mother thanked TFC Cerreto for saving her daughter's life before immediately taking her to the doctor's office to ensure she was completely OK.

TFC Cerrato also used the incident to encourage the mother to enroll in a CPR course in the near future.



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Deputy State Fire Marshal Credited With Saving Life Of Man With Severed Hand

A Deputy State Fire Marshal is credited with saving a man's life with his agency-issued tourniquet and rendering aid after hearing his calls for help in Queen Anne's County.

Senior Deputy State Fire Marshal Brad Childress heard the sounds of a chainsaw being used by a landscaping company to remove a tree in a nearby neighbors yard when he arrived home on Sept. 10.

Childress was preparing to go off-duty just before 3 p.m. that day when the sound of the chainsaw turned to a man screaming for help. Deputy Childress, who is also a volunteer firefighter and EMT, immediately recognized the distressing call and returned to his vehicle and responded to the scene in Stevensville. Upon exiting his vehicle, he discovered a 36-year-

old man in the backyard with a severed left hand and a deep laceration to his chest. A neighbor called 911, and Childress notified Queen Anne's County Emergency Services via his portable radio while rendering aid.

Deputy Childress used his agency issued tourniquet and applied pressure to the man's arm, stopping the bleeding. Deputy Childress also treated the man's chest wound until paramedics from United Communities Volunteer Fire Department arrived. The victim was transported by ambulance to the Curtis National Hand Center at MedStar Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore. Paramedics credited Childress for providing life-saving measures and mitigating the man's injuries.

"Childress' professional



Senior Deputy State Fire Marshal Brad Childress used a tourniquet to render aid to a man with a severed hand.

demeanor and dedication to duty is a credit not only to himself, but to all of the members of the Department of State Police," stated State Fire Marshal Brian S. Geraci. "His actions have demonstrated that he is truly an asset to this department and the entire community."

Childress was selected as the Deputy State Fire Marshal of the Year for the Upper Eastern Regional Office last year and routinely coordinates blood drives.



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Troopers Addressing Commercial Vehicle Traffic Concerns On I-495

(GREENBELT, MD) – A two-day focused enforcement effort around the Capital Beltway by Maryland State Police commercial vehicle inspectors resulted in more than half of the trucks or drivers inspected being placed out of service for a variety of violations.

Between Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, members of the Maryland State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division conducted a focused enforcement effort on I-495 in response to numerous traffic complaints and crashes.

During the operation, troopers and commercial vehicle inspectors conducted 126 commercial vehicle inspections.

As a result, 22 drivers and 43 commercial vehicles were placed out of service due to safety regulation and traffic law violations. The troopers and inspectors identified critical safety violations involving brakes, tires and steering components.

Drivers were placed out of service for license suspensions, no licenses, improper class licenses, hours of service violations and possession of marijuana.

Troopers issued 37 traffic citations and 92 warnings during the initiative. Seventeen speed violations, 20 seat belt violations

and 32 violations for failing to obey a traffic control device were cited. Troopers also arrested one person wanted on a warrant.



The Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division operates three fixed weight and inspection stations around the Capital Beltway in Hyattstown, Upper Marlboro and Greenbelt.

In addition, mobile commercial vehicle inspection teams patrol the Capital Beltway daily. Focused safety initiatives like this are continuing as part of the ongoing effort by Maryland State Police patrol troopers and CVED troopers to reduce speeding, aggressive driving, and the number of crashes on the Capital Beltway.

The operation is part of a larger effort to combat commercial vehicle traffic concerns on I-495.

Between March 1 and Sept. 1, troopers from the Rockville Barrack, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division and the Washington Metro Troop have continued enforcement in this area.

Over that span, there have been 36 commercial vehicle crashes. Troopers have charged drivers in 28 of those crashes.

In addition, troopers have invested more than 775 hours of dedicated enforcement in that area. They conducted more than 1,500 traffic stops, issuing more than 1,200 citations, 650 warnings and 90 safety equipment repair orders.

The commercial vehicle enforcement teams have conducted 272 commercial vehicle inspections and issued more than \$23,000 in fines as a result of violations found. Troopers have also made 13 criminal arrests for DUI, warrants, drugs and other violations.

Troopers have continued to get the word out to the trucking industry through the use of their highway app and our own highway signs to reduce speed, use caution, etc.



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PHOTOS: Hagerstown Barrack Celebrates 106th Birthday Of Late Trooper's Widow



The Maryland State Police recently helped wish Hagerstown resident Marvie O'Hara a special 106th birthday. Troopers came around the corner with sirens blaring and lights flashing. They then got out of their vehicles with signs and sang Happy Birthday to her. Those close to her said that day was a perfect act of kindness not only for a 106-year-old woman, but someone who is also the widow of a trooper who served the department from 1938-1974.





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Troopers Combat Impaired, Aggressive Drivers Over Labor Day Weekend

(PIKESVILLE, MD) – As the unofficial end to summer approached, state troopers were on extra alert in search of impaired, distracted and/or aggressive drivers over the Labor Day weekend to ensure travelers got to their holiday destination safely.

From Sept. 3 through Labor Day, troopers were on patrol, using a variety of initiatives to keep traffic moving, respond quickly to highway incidents and take appropriate enforcement action when violations are observed that threaten the safety of travelers.

Troopers from each of the 23 Maryland State Police barracks focused enforcement efforts on impaired driving, aggressive driving, speeding, distracted driving and other violations that often contribute to highway tragedies.

Additional troopers worked overtime assignments funded by highway safety grants from the Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration (MDOT MVA) Highway Safety Office.

In addition to working enforcement in cooperation with local police departments, troopers worked closely with personnel



from the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration. SHA provides significant help arranging detours at crash sites and conducting courtesy patrols to assist motorists.

Troopers from the State Police Impaired Driving Reduction Effort, or SPIDRE Team, also worked through the weekend. These specially trained and experienced troopers focus predominantly on locating and arresting impaired drivers. This team is funded through a grant from the MDOT MVA Highway Safety Office.

Overall, troopers conducted 6,974 traffic stops, issued 4,695 citations, 4,663 warnings and recorded 96 DUI arrests, 23 criminal arrests and 26 drug-related arrests over the Labor Day

weekend.

Troopers also responded to 6,269 calls for service, including 174 crashes and four fatal crashes over that span.

According to the MDOT MVA Highway Safety Office, an average of 145 people died from impaired driving crashes, 159 died from distracted driving crashes and 32 from aggressive driving crashes annually from 2014-2018 in the state.

Over the same span, an average of 2,124 people were injured by impaired drivers, 17,908 were injured as a result of distracted driving and 1,550 were injured by aggressive drivers in Maryland.



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Joint Operations Address Street Racing, Traffic Concerns In Montgomery County

(ROCKVILLE, MD) — From Sept. 5-6, the Maryland State Police Rockville Barrack, along with the Gaithersburg Police Department and the Maryland Transportation Authority Police conducted a joint operation to address aggressive driving, street racing and excessive noise caused by modified exhaust systems in Montgomery County.

Together, the agencies conducted “Operation End of Summer” and “Operation Quiet Night.” As part of the joint operations, troopers from the Rockville Barrack concentrated their efforts on Route 270, the Maryland Transportation Authority Police concentrated on the Inter-County Connector and Gaithersburg Police concentrated



on issues within their city limits.

Overall, the combined efforts yielded the following results:

- 228 traffic stops

- 153 citations
- 126 warnings
- 37 equipment repair orders
- 10 arrests

Optimist Club Recognizes Salisbury Barrack Trooper For Work In Community



Trooper Lee Ramsay of the Salisbury Barrack was recently recognized by the Salisbury Optimist Club for doing an outstanding job serving and bringing out the best in the community.



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National Forensic Science Week Highlights Work Of MSP Scientists

(PIKESVILLE, MD) — National Forensic Science Week, which took place from Sept. 20-26, provides a chance to highlight the hard work conducted by scientists with the Maryland State Police.

The Maryland State Police Forensic Science Lab is a great facility where dedicated scientists unravel the mysteries of crime scene evidence across Maryland. The Forensic Science Lab consists of many units including Photography, Latent Prints, Firearms, Chemistry and more .

In 2019, some of the work of the MSP Forensic Science Lab included completing 14,460 cases overall. These includes 6,874 drug cases, 1,171 toxicology cases and 921 firearms cases.



The MSP-FSD is accredited by ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board (ANAB). Several MSP Forensic Sciences Division scientists have completed specialized training to be qualified ANAB Technical Assessors and are encouraged to participate in assessments of other laboratories

in order to strengthen quality within the community, form ties with other experts in their field and to bring best practices back to the MSP.

Forensic Sciences Division staff are also participating in a study being conducted at Marymount University and the University of Kentucky College of Medicine to examine how stress and trauma impact various forensic and investigative personnel with the aim of providing better support and encouraging resilience across these disciplines.





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PHOTOS: Happy 6th Birthday K9 Copper



K9 Copper's 6th birthday took place on Sept. 5. Pictured in the puppy picture below is also K9 Copper's sister, K9 Gracie, who works with a MSP Trooper K9 Handler at the Centreville Barrack! Happy belated birthday to this dynamic K9 duo! The primary mission of the K-9 Unit is to provide the Maryland State Police and allied police departments specialized canine support to assist them in their mission of protecting both the life and property of the citizens of Maryland. This is achieved by advancing the primary purpose of the police service canine which is to "locate and indicate" whether for narcotics, explosives or people wanted for either criminal acts or those reported missing.

